

Gay couple arrested at marriage sit-in

Mark Jiminez, Beau Chandler refuse to leave after being denied a license
Independence Day demonstration at Dallas County Clerk's Office leads to city's 1st-ever arrests for LGBT equality

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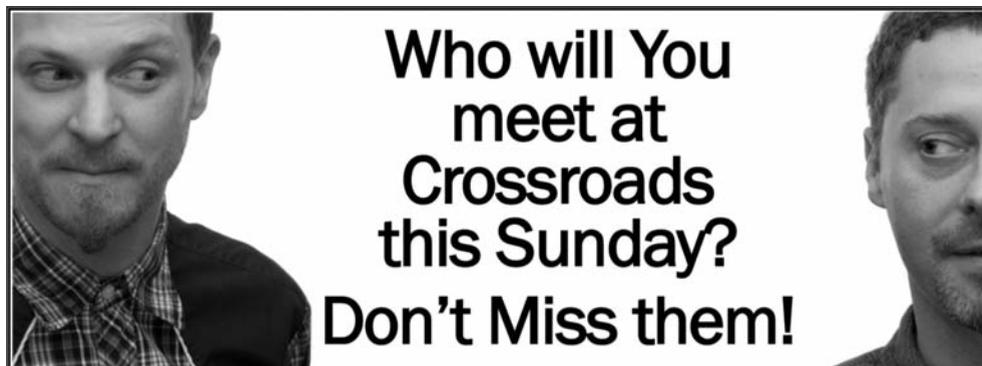


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Police release sketch of suspect in shooting of teen lesbian couple

Police in Portland, Texas, have released a sketch (below) of the suspect in the shooting of a teenage lesbian couple at a local park on June 22.

The sketch was developed based on an eyewitness description.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 20s, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, with a skinny build and brown hair.



Nineteen-year-old Mollie Olgin and her girlfriend, 18-year-old Kristene Chapa, were both shot in the head at Violet Andrews Park in Portland, near Corpus Christi. Olgin died at the scene, while Chapa remains hospitalized.

Some in the LGBT community have speculated that the attack was a hate crime, but police say there's no evidence to suggest that the shooting was motivated by the couple's sexual orientation.

Vigils for Olgin and Chapa have been held across the country, including last weekend in Dallas.

Anyone with information about the shooting should call Portland police at 361-777-4444. Reports may be made anonymously.

— John Wright

Another homophobic anti-sagging song unveiled by Dwaine Caraway

Five years ago, Dallas City Councilman Dwaine Caraway got in some hot water with the LGBT community for using a rap song containing homophobic lyrics to promote his anti-sagging pants campaign. The original version of the song, "Pull Your Pants Up" by Duncanville's Dooney Da' Priest, contained the following lyrics: "You walk the streets with your pants way down low/I don't know/Looks to me like you're on the down low. . . . I think it's gay but some of ya'll think it's cool/Walking around showing your behind to other dudes."

After complaints from LGBT groups, Caraway removed a link to "Pull Your Pants Up" from his city web page, and he said he asked Da Priest to remove the anti-gay lyrics from an edited version of the song — although it's unclear whether this was actually done. Da Priest, meanwhile, apologized but added that he views homosexuality as an abomination. Caraway also suggested that the LGBT community should pocket the insult in exchange for the greater good of a society free from sagging pants. "All of our toes may get stepped on when we are at war," Caraway told Dallas Voice at the time. "We are at war collectively against disrespect. So we must fight collectively together."

Five years later, as you may have heard, Caraway has relaunched his war on sagging pants, with a summit being rescheduled for sometime later this year. And guess what? He's again using a song by Da Priest to promote the crusade. And guess what



VIGIL FOR MOLLIE AND KRISTENE | Members of the LGBT community gather at the Legacy of Love Monument in Oak Lawn on Saturday, June 30, for a vigil for Mollie Olgin and Kristene Chapa, the teen lesbian couple shot in Portland on June 22. For more photos, go to TinyURL.com/bnkh7zu.

else? The new song, "Pull 'Em Up," also contains homophobic and otherwise offensive lyrics. This time, Da Priest is going after not only sagging pants, but also "skinny jeans" and men who wear "women's jeans." Here's a sample verse from "Pull 'Em Up":

"Man, those jeans are for girls, why'd you put 'em on?/Did she say when she took 'em off that you could put 'em on?/ I don't know, bro/Like I said before, I don't know, looks to me you're on the down low/Makes you look suspect, makes you look real odd/Makes it difficult for you to get a real job."

And here's the chorus:

"These boys let their underwear show/Pull 'em up, pull 'em up before your pants hit the floor/These boys got their pants on the ground/Pull 'em up, pull 'em up, like a fool with your pants on the ground/These

boys got skinny jeans on/Pull 'em up, pull 'em up/These boys got women's jeans on/Pull 'em up, pull 'em up/These boys got pants too tight/Pull 'em up, pull 'em up/Yeah . . ."

We've left a message with Caraway's office to find out whether he is indeed expanding the anti-sagging campaign to include skinny jeans. We'd also like to know what the councilman's official thoughts are on the so-called "down low."

Of course we'd like to talk to Da Priest, too. We want to ask him precisely what degree of tightness he considers appropriate for our pants — and, how exactly does one go about "pulling up" skinny jeans?

We'll let you know what we find out. In the meantime, listen to the song at TinyURL.com/7uzxsoj.

— John Wright

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‘This is about not being treated equal’

Gay Dallas couple Mark Jiminez, Beau Chandler arrested after being denied marriage license at Clerk's Office in Independence Day protest

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Gay couple Mark “Major” Jiminez and Beau Chandler were arrested at the Dallas County Clerk’s Office on Thursday afternoon, July 5, after they were denied a marriage license and refused to leave.

The couple entered the County Records Building at about 3 p.m. with friends, TV crews and friendly police in tow.

“City police, county sheriffs and building security are all here,” Chandler said. “Nice to get their support.”

Although he was joking, most of the people the couple encountered in the building were supportive, even if they were unable to issue the license.

Sr. Cpl. Laura Martin, LGBT liaison officer for the Dallas Police Department, accompanied the group, even though she didn’t have direct jurisdiction since they were in a county building. Lt. Shelley Knight, LGBT liaison for the sheriff’s department, also followed the couple.

“I told them if they want to smoke, do it before going upstairs,” Martin said. “And have a full belly.”

Martin said the couple could be held overnight, depending upon how backed up the magistrate was.

“They’re the nicest couple,” Martin said of Chandler and Jiminez. “They’re the first guys after any protest to come up and thank the officers.”

Once in the license bureau, Chandler and Jiminez filled out the paperwork. Chandler crossed out the word “bride” and wrote “not applicable.”

Before being called to the counter, the couple sat waiting next to a straight couple also applying for a license. Jiminez explained to them why they were there, and the couple wished them luck.

“God bless you,” Regina Johnson said to Jiminez and Chandler. “Good luck. You’re in our prayers.”

Clerk’s assistant Melinda Saavedra called Jiminez and Chandler and asked for their IDs. She checked to make sure one wasn’t there as a proxy.

“We pointed out subsection B that invalidates all marriages,” Chandler said. He was referring to the constitutional amendment that bans same-sex marriage in Texas. “She got teary-eyed when I said we love each other and want to get married.”

After being refused a license, the couple handcuffed themselves to each other and sat on the floor at the head of the line. Jiminez spoke on camera to TV news outlets explaining some of the



CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE | A Dallas County sheriff’s deputy leads Beau Chandler to a patrol car after he was arrested at the Clerk’s Office on Thursday. Chandler and Mark Jiminez applied for a marriage license but were denied. View more photos and watch video at DallasVoice.com. (Anna Waugh/Dallas Voice)

more than 1,000 rights straight couples enjoy that are denied to gay and lesbian couples.

“This is about not being treated equal,” he said.

Jiminez said that the couple plans to get married on Sept. 13 and participate in Dallas’ gay Pride parade on Sept. 16.

He said their mothers and other family members would be attending their wedding and hoped they could stay to ride in a car in the parade with them. The sign they plan to post on the car will read, “Just married, but not legal.”

Chandler said the idea for the protest came after the couple became engaged.

“He proposed the end of May,” Chandler said. “He made breakfast and I was eating pancakes

and found a ring inside. He asked if I would be his husband.”

He said that the couple thought of going to another state to marry but decided there was no point if the marriage would just be void as soon as they got home.

“We spoke to our friend Daniel [Cates] with GetEQUAL, and he suggested we make a statement,” Chandler said. “And we decided it needed to be the day after Independence Day.”

At 4:30 p.m., the building was closed and everyone, including media, was instructed to leave.

The couple was not arrested until everyone else had left the office. When they came down the elevator, they were no longer handcuffed to each

other but were handcuffed individually, each escorted by two sheriff’s deputies.

They were placed in separate squad cars and taken to Lew Sterrett for processing as their friends and supporters lined the sidewalk and applauded.

Martin Griffin came to the Records Building with his partner, Dillon Brown. He said they were doing this for every same-sex couple.

“We are all equal and should have the same rights,” Griffin said.

Activist Cd Kirven said, “This is the first time this has happened in Dallas. It’s historic.”

“You’re making history,” one friend shouted after the couple as the sheriff’s vehicles pulled away. ■

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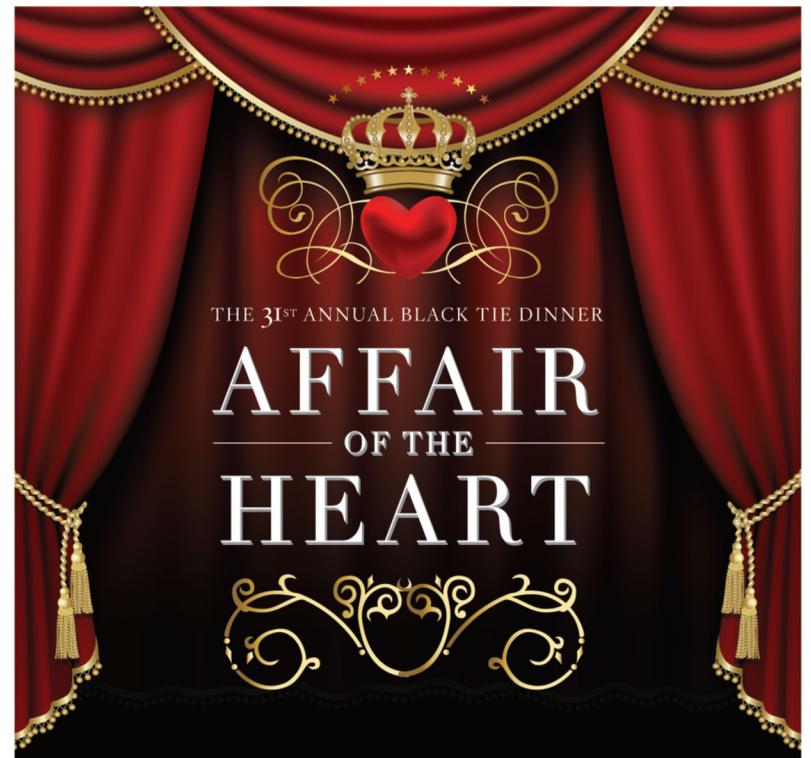


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Michael W. Kelly, 43, of Dallas and formerly of Glen Park and Water-town, N.Y., passed away suddenly Sunday, June 24, 2012, at Baylor Medical Center in Plano with his family at his side.

Kelly resided in Dallas for the last 13 years, working in the Baylor Hospital emergency room and at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Kelly's favorite pastime was going camping at Rainbow Ranch with his friends.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Kelly and her companion James Place of Pillar Point, N.Y.; his brother, Patrick Kelly and his wife and their three children, Maya, Foster and Tucker, of Harrisville, N.Y.; two stepbrothers, Andrew Place and his wife Angela and their two children, Skylar and Gavin, of Rochester, N.Y., and Matthew Place and his wife Becki of Rochester; as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

Kelly is preceded in death by his father, Richard Kelly. He will be deeply missed by his family and by all of his Texas family.

Kelly's life will be celebrated at the family home at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 7, in Pillar Point, N.Y.

A celebration of Kelly's life will be held in Dallas at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 15.

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Golf was her final passion for which she participated in many tournaments, winning many and helping to organize various ones benefiting worthy causes in the Dallas and Gun Barrel City areas.

Aldridge was greatly loved and cherished by her children, Darla Laughter of Boerne, Texas; Bill Aldridge of Denver; and Nanette Aldridge (d.1984), as well as grandchildren and friends who thank God for Aldridge and her values: love and acceptance of everyone and an ability to enjoy life to the fullest.

Friends can join the family for a graveside service at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 6, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Cleburne, and for a memorial lakeside service from 5 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, at Sundrift in Gun Barrel City.

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DOMESTIC DISPUTE | Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, left, says he wants approval from an intergovernmental agency before moving forward with domestic partner benefits. But openly gay District Clerk Gary Fitzsimmons says that approval isn't necessary and the Commissioners Court can act on its own.

Jenkins hopes to add DP benefits this year

County judge sees minimal cost, says it's 'the right thing to do, both from an equality standpoint and from a competitiveness standpoint'

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Gay and lesbian Dallas County employees may be able to add their domestic partners to their health plans in January if two key votes go according to plan.

County Judge Clay Jenkins, a Democrat who chairs the Commissioners Court and supports offering DP benefits, said budget shortfalls and a vote by the Public Employee Benefits Cooperative prevented the county from moving forward in the past.

The county is a member of the PEBC, a government partner agency that helps keep the cost of benefits affordable. Other members include Tarrant, Denton and Parker counties, and the North Texas Tollway Authority. The PEBC board voted down allowing its members to offer DP benefits by one vote last year, Jenkins said.

But Jenkins is determined to offer the benefits in 2013.

He said there is a possibility Dallas County will have only a small budget shortfall this year. He's hoping the PEBC board will vote to allow DP benefits in August, followed by approval from the Commissioners Court before the county budget is finalized in September.

The Commissioners Court has a 3-2 Democratic majority, and last year the body voted along party lines to add LGBT employees to the county's nondiscrimination policy.

Jenkins said he thinks adding DP benefits would make the county more competitive as an employer. The city of Dallas has offered DP benefits to gay and lesbian employees since 2004.

"I support the inclusion of domestic partner benefits for people who work for the government because I think that's the right thing to do, both from an equality standpoint and from a competitiveness standpoint of having a competitive edge in the marketplace," Jenkins said.

The Board of Managers at Parkland, Dallas County's public hospital, approved DP benefits last year.

Parkland's DP benefits took effect in January, and 21 of the hospital's 9,408 employees have enrolled in the program at a cost of roughly \$26,000, spokeswoman Veneta Lusk said.

The Commissioners Court appoints Parkland board members, and Jenkins said last year he wanted to use the hospital's DP benefits as a pilot program before the county made the benefits available to its roughly 6,000 employees.

With a projected cost of \$696,635 for Parkland's DP benefits for the 2012 fiscal year, Jenkins said actual cost was "very, very small" for Parkland.

Jenkins said based on the Parkland figures, he thinks it's possible for the county to add DP benefits at a low cost, though he said the issue of equality is more important than cost.

"I think cost takes a secondary importance to

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Police won't investigate South Dallas AIDS Walk without formal complaint

Beneficiaries say they still haven't received any proceeds from March event; organizer Anthony Chisom won't return calls seeking comment

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Three weeks after Anthony Chisom reportedly told beneficiaries of the South Dallas AIDS Walk that their checks from the March 24 event were in the mail, none of the checks have been received.

No accounting of the second annual walk has been released, either.

Chisom, founder and CEO of the Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation, has not returned phone calls seeking comment.

A reporter who went to The Memnosyne Foundation on Maple Avenue, which Chisom lists as his place of employment, was told Chisom was not there.

Several people listed as board members for the Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation, which put on the walk, didn't return messages seeking comment.

Auntjuan Wiley, volunteer executive director



Anthony Chisom

for the foundation and the walk, estimated that the event raised \$10,000 to \$20,000 in sponsorships and donations from walkers. However, Wiley said he believes expenses ate up most of the money.

Although Wiley coordinated the walk, he said he did not collect any of the money or write checks to pay any of the expenses. He said that Chisom was the only one who touched the checkbook.

The Internal Revenue Service revoked the Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation's tax-exempt status in May 2011, after the foundation failed to file the required tax forms for three consecutive years.

Dallas police fraud investigators said they can't open an investigation without a formal complaint from one of the sponsors or donors and without knowing how much money was involved, according to Sr. Cpl. Laura Martin, DPD's LGBT liaison officer.

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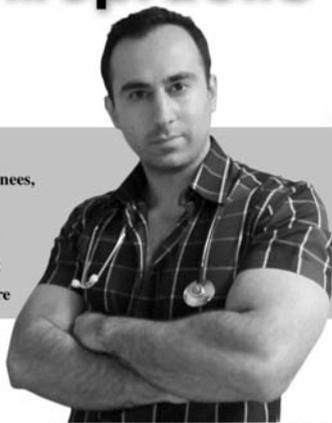
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Sponsors were told that the walk, through the 501(c)(3) non-profit Chisom Foundation, had tax-exempt status, even though that status had been revoked.

A spokesman for the IRS said for tax purposes, the Chisom Foundation should account for the donations as income. Like any for-profit business, the foundation has until April 15, 2013 to file its tax returns from 2012.

In addition to Chisom's own foundation, three other beneficiaries were to have received funds from the walk: AIDS Interfaith Network, the DFW Pride Movement and Abounding Prosperity.

Representatives from AIDS Interfaith and DFW Pride Movement declined to comment.

The South Dallas AIDS Walk began in 2011 and is not associated in any way with the AIDS Arms LifeWalk.

LifeWalk, which takes place in Oak Lawn in October, began in 1990 to benefit Oak Lawn Community Services. When that agency closed in 2000, AIDS Arms took over several of OLCS's services, as well as its biggest fundraiser.

Don Maison, president and CEO of AIDS Services Dallas, which is not a beneficiary of the South Dallas AIDS Walk, said that "any nonprofit that operates under the guise of helping people needs to be transparent."

"There needs to be checks and balances and accountability," Maison said. "That's philanthropy 101."

Kirk Myers, CEO of Abounding Prosperity, has been vocal in his criticism of the way funds were handled.

More than a beneficiary check, Myers said he wants to see a full accounting of the event.

Frank Libro, director of the city of Dallas' Public Information Office, said a permit was issued for the walk, which was held on MLK Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue between Fair Park and Edgewood Street.

Under the permit, organizers were required to have 12 police officers and one supervisor for traffic and crowd control. The cost for the 13 officers if paid the required minimum of four hours would have been \$2,100.

Four medics were to be on standby from Dallas Fire and Rescue.

According to Dallas city spokesman Jose Torres, the officers were paid directly at the end of the event and the requirement for medics was eliminated when "the client called and said the number of attendees had dropped."

Although organizers of the walk obtained an event permit, they did not obtain other required permits for "electrical use and stage assembly," according to Sherry Taylor, an administrative specialist for city of Dallas.

Abounding Prosperity's Myers said he would like the South Dallas AIDS Walk to continue under new leadership.

He said it was a good way to bring awareness of HIV to people in South Dallas and to showcase services available to them. He said he would also like the event to become profitable so that agencies like his and Peabody Clinic and AIDS Interfaith Network can deliver more services to people in that hard-hit area of the city. ■

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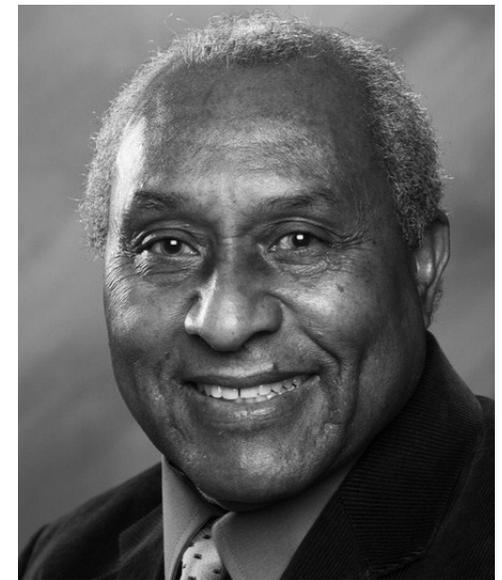
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Paul Sadler



Grady Yarbrough

Dems in Senate runoff back marriage equality

Former State Rep. Paul Sadler says his position on issue has evolved; winner of July 31 contest will face uphill battle against GOP nominee

requests for an interview.

To Sadler, the distinction between the functions of the state and churches is important. He said the state issues licenses to drive, to marry and other things, while a religion may or may not bless a marriage.

"Licensing in this country should be nondiscriminatory," he said.

He said that the government issues marriage licenses in many cases where a religion would object to a particular marriage.

"Interfaith marriages, second marriages," he said. "Some religions don't approve of those. We shouldn't be assigning a religious litmus test."

Sadler said he's very comfortable talking about his position on equality. If elected, he would support the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act, which he called "a political act that was ill-conceived." On these issues, he said, "the lack of understanding runs so

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Paul Sadler says his position on marriage equality evolved over many years as a result of people he knows, including friends, colleagues and clients — some who died from AIDS.

Sadler, who served as a state representative from 1991–2003, received 35 percent of the vote in the May 29 Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. He'll face Grady Yarbrough in a runoff July 31, with the winner taking on either David Dewhurst or Ted Cruz in November.

In an interview this week with Dallas Voice, Sadler said he uses the term "marriage equality" because it's more accurate than "same-sex marriage." He said he's corrected reporters who insisted on calling it "gay marriage." That term, he said, implies that gay people and straight people get different rights from the government after marrying.

"I had friends involved in a long-term relationship," Sadler said. "I was having to handle an estate with them and began to see how federal laws and tax laws affected them."

Yarbrough, who said in a recent debate that he also supports marriage equality, didn't respond to



deep."

At its June 19 meeting, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas unanimously endorsed Sadler in the runoff. The group had backed Sean Hubbard in the primary.

"He came and spoke to our membership on how he evolved on LGBT issues," Stonewall President Omar Narvaez said. "He stands firm with the Texas Democratic platform."

The new platform includes a strong statement in support of marriage equality.

Eli Olivarez, president of the Texas Stonewall Democratic Caucus, also said he supports Sadler. Olivarez's local chapters, Stonewall Democrats of

the Rio Grande Valley, also previously endorsed Hubbard but has now endorsed Sadler in the runoff.

"I had questions with Paul on the way he voted," Olivarez said. "But he was willing to say he evolved and supported us. He's an open-minded candidate. Sincere."

Openly gay former state Rep. Glen Maxey served in the state House during the same 12 years as Sadler.

"Paul is one of the most brilliant legislators that I worked with," Maxey said. "He's thoughtful, strategic. He evolved faster than the president."

Former state Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt, who always championed LGBT rights issues, served concurrently with Sadler during four of his six terms. She agreed with Maxey's assessment.

"I remember him as a person who is fair," Ehrhardt said. "He's smart. I'm wholeheartedly for him."

She said he has the ability to work across the aisle.

"That's something that's missing in Washington now," she said.

Maxey, who recently joined the Democratic National Committee with the goal of electing Democrats to statewide offices in Texas, said "I wish we were further along to make this race viable for him."

Sadler said if he gets the nomination, he'll have to work hard to win the general election. He said the numbers are there if the African-American vote and Hispanic vote comes out in force in a presidential year and he gets just 40 percent of the white vote.

Yarbrough's second-place finish in the May 29 primary took the Democratic Party by surprise. The day after the primary, no one at the Dallas County Democratic Party office could pro-

vide contact information for Yarbrough.

At the state party office, someone came up with a phone number after five minutes on hold. No one expected the 75-year-old candidate without a website to win 26 percent of the vote.

Maxey called Yarbrough a gadfly.

Narvaez said that the Yarbrough campaign didn't return questionnaires to receive the group's endorsement or respond to mailings that were sent certified.

This is Yarbrough's fourth run for office, twice as a Republican and twice as a Democrat.

Yarbrough is running a one-person campaign without staff or volunteers, according to his Facebook page. He paid the \$5,000 filing fee rather than gathering signatures and he's spending his retirement savings rather than taking donations.

While Sadler met with as many delegates as he could at the state convention last month, Yarbrough didn't attend Texas' largest gathering of Democrats.

Yarbrough did, however, attend a debate recorded at KERA in Dallas on June 26.

On marriage equality, Yarbrough made it clear it is not a religious issue.

"We issue a license," he said. "We have tax benefits for couples. Religion should not dictate policy."

He referred to Reynolds v. United States, a case involving a Mormon's right to polygamy.

He said the court ruled that religion shall not dictate federal policy and that the same principle should be applied to marriage equality.

"I support ending discrimination against any two individuals who love each other," Yarbrough said. ■

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issues like equality, fairness, security, public health, and I think that is one of these issues," Jenkins said.

But a PEBC board vote is required for changes in eligibility, even though Jenkins said the court can vote to leave the PEBC or the board could vote to interpret its bylaws to allow Dallas County to offer domestic partner benefits.

"My position is that the question is a question of law, not a question of interpretation for the majority of the PEBC," he said. "The contract I say allows us to do it and the PEBC needs to agree that it allows us to do, or in the alternative, we need to change the bylaws. Otherwise Dallas County is going to have to find more progressive partners to work with."

Openly gay Dallas County District Clerk Gary Fitzsimmons has been outspoken in his support of Dallas County offering DP benefits to its employees in the past. He said that while there is a process to deciding if the benefits should be offered, the county is self-insured and can choose what to cover.

"Dallas County can decide what it wants to cover and not cover without being subject to review by an outside agency," Fitzsimmons said. "We're self-insured. We can do whatever we want. These are choices that are well within the purviews of the court."

Fitzsimmons said that Jenkins is "serious about moving forward" with making DP benefits for the county a reality and said with a projected budget shortfall of only about \$3 million — compared to \$30 million last year — the court could very well approve them.

Jenkins said the Commissioners Court could go ahead and vote to offer DP benefits and see whether the PEBC challenges the vote. But he said the present strategy is to follow the PEBC bylaws by bringing the topic up for discussion and a vote.

"The plan is at this point is to try to get the PEBC to agree we (Dallas County) have the power to do it or change their bylaws so that we can do it and then do it," Jenkins said. ■

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Remembering Mollie, seeking justice

As LGBT community says goodbye to a beautiful soul, all eyes remain focused on police investigation into teen lesbian couple's shooting

When I first heard that a gunman shot a teenage lesbian couple in Portland, Texas, I pictured a small, backward town reminiscent of the one in the movie *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. The crime scene, however, did not match the picture I had conjured on the plane ride from Vermont to Texas. I was headed for a vigil that would follow the funeral of 19-year-old Mollie Olgin, who was shot in the head. Her girlfriend of five months, Mary Chapa, 18, was also shot in the head, but survived and is recovering in the hospital. (Chapa is now conscious and has even written down "Mollie" several times, inquiring about her slain partner.)

What made this tragedy more chilling was that it occurred at Violet Andrews Park, which is in an upper middle class suburb of Corpus Christi. The exquisitely manicured bayside nature preserve was not secluded, as one would imagine, but surrounded by tony waterfront homes and had a well-maintained trail that passed by a charming children's playground. As I walked through the park, several families strolled with their children to various scenic overlooks to peer at Corpus Christi Bay.

Violet Andrews Park is the type of serene refuge that people visit to get over the death of a loved one, not the type of place where people are brutally murdered. Surely, a violent encounter was the last thing on the minds of Olgin and Chapa when they went to the park Friday, June 22, to waste time before a movie.

What happened next is still a mystery. But we do know that the couple was led into a mud-soaked, grassy trail where both girls were shot in the head with a high-caliber pistol. Police describe the suspect as a white male in his 20s with dark hair, standing 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing about 140 pounds.

According to police Chief Randy Wright: "We do have a number of leads in the case and are following up on all of them with the help of several agencies, including the Corpus Christi PD, the Texas Rangers, the U.S. Marshal's office, as well as local authorities from Aransas Pass, Ingleside and Sinton. There are certain details we will not release at this time due to the scope of the investigation, but we do have numerous witnesses we are in the process of interviewing and there is physical and forensic evidence that is being looked at as well, including lab work that needs to be done."

While in town, I visited the Portland Police Department, where I was handed a generic state-



NOT FORGOTTEN | More than 150 gathered June 29 at Violet Andrews Park — a well-maintained nature preserve in an upper middle class suburb of Corpus Christi — for a vigil to remember 19-year-old Mollie Olgin, who was fatally shot while visiting the park with her girlfriend a week before. (Wayne Besen)

ment that read, "There continues to be no evidence that the attack was motivated by the victims' sexual orientation."

Of course, we all know this is absurd. Any time a gay couple is murdered without explanation, their sexual orientation has to be considered a top-tier motive. Even as the daily lives of LGBT people improve, the world is still filled with human ticking time bombs primed by preachers and politicians to hate. The LGBT community has been demonized and dehumanized to the point where our lives aren't worth more than dirt to some people.

Every LGBT person runs the risk of harassment or death simply by being at the wrong place at the wrong time. The Anti-Violence Project released their national report on hate violence for 2011 and found that there were 30 killings of LGBT Americans due to hate, the highest yearly total ever recorded. A report published by the Southern Poverty Law Center in November 2010, analyzing FBI data from 1995 to 2008, found that LGBT people are 2.6 times more likely to be attacked than blacks; 4.4 times more likely than Muslims; 13.8 times more likely than Latinos; and 41.5 times more likely than whites.

Given these alarming statistics, I went down to Texas to ensure that the police fully considered hate as a potential motive — on par with other possibilities. To the Portland Police Department's credit, they appeared fully engaged in finding the assailant, with police cars cruising the surrounding streets and officers walking the park through-

out the day.

The vigil began at 6 p.m., as more than 150 people streamed out of Olgin's memorial at the Limbaugh Funeral Home and into the park where the shootings occurred.

"The community is hurt and scared, but we are pulling together," Equality Texas field organizer Daniel Williams told me at the vigil.

A common theme by those who knew the young women was that they were first-rate individuals who harmed no one.

"She was the kind of person who would take the shirt off her back — a truly kind hearted person," said Nellena McCabe, whose daughter went to school with Olgin for two years.

According to reports, Olgin dreamed of one day becoming a psychiatrist, and just finished her first semester of college. She was involved in band and the debate club.

"It's really devastating to lose any child in such a horrific way," said Dawn Jagger, who was Mary Chapa's art teacher in 5th grade. "The damage and pain it causes the other kids in a split second of learning of the tragedy ... It is incomprehensible and there are so many unanswered questions. It's hard."

Whether this turns out to be a hate crime or not, it is clear that the LGBT community has lost a beautiful soul and the life of her surviving partner will never be the same. The eyes of the world are now firmly fixed on Texas and will remain so until justice is served.

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Guest columnist

Healthcare ruling a victory for LGBTs, so don't let GOP turn it into a defeat

Despite ACA's benefits, some in the gay community have been fooled by conservatives' use of 'Obamacare' label, focus on individual mandate

My partner and I exchanged text message versions of high-fives upon hearing about the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the key provisions of the Affordable Care Act, a really positive law that the GOP has labeled "Obamacare."

No matter what you call it, it is a good thing for LGBT people and that's why I was surprised when a friend lamented that it had been upheld.

"What's your problem with the Affordable Care Act?" I said.

"If they can force you to buy insurance, they can force you to buy all kinds of things," he defiantly replied. "It's the end of freedom in this country."

Obviously he had been listening to a lot of Fox News, but I choked back my bile and tried to get to the root of his objections.

"So do you want insurers to deny you insurance because of a pre-existing condition?" I said.

"Well, no," he said. "I'm HIV-positive and if I ever lost my coverage, I wouldn't be able to get it again."

"So you want the lifetime limits to stay in place on your insurance?"

"Well, no," he replied. "My drug bills alone have pushed me really close to that already."

"So you want yearly benefit caps to stay in place?"

"Well no," he said, starting to get uncomfortable. "I have to dig out of my pocket every year to cover my medical bills that go over that limit already."

"Then you must want insurance companies to be able to arbitrarily cancel someone's insurance because they are sick?"

"Oh, hell no," he barked. "They did that to Bobby, and he ended up bankrupt trying to pay his medical bills, and he wasn't even HIV-positive; he had cancer."

"Yes, I know. I guess you must want insurers to be able to deny coverage to transgender people because they categorize 'transgender' as a 'condition,' right?"

"That would leave my friends Mitch and Roberta in a bind," he said.

"Then it must be the mandate to purchase health insurance if your employer does not have a plan in place?"

"Well, I can't get insurance with my conditions," he said. "That's why I keep working at my dead-end job. You know that?"

"Under the Affordable Care Act, you could."

"What's that?" he said, blinking like a deer in the headlights.

"That is the act the Supreme Court upheld last week. It had all those provisions in it that you liked."

"Oh, my problem was with Obamacare, not that law."

And there you have it! Frame the ACA as "Obamacare," and people are less likely to look at the details, but asked about specifics most people, including LGBT folk, like it. That's why the conservative pundits and politicians call it "Obamacare" and why they only focus on the individual mandate.

The reality is, the ACA has a lot of provisions that are really positive, like the extension of in-



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So why are many people afraid of it? Well, it's the slight of hand being pulled by the GOP that has turned the ACA into 'Obamacare,' and turned a positive ruling by the Supreme Court into 'an affirmation of more taxation.' We have to be extra vigilant or we can fall prey to their flim-flam, because they will try even more tricks to turn this victory into a defeat.
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urance coverage for young adults up to age 26 under their parents' insurance, and which will benefit children of LGBT parents as well.

The act is so beneficial for our community that Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services stated, "the Affordable Care Act may represent the strongest foundation we have ever created to begin closing LGBT health disparities."

So why are so many people afraid of it? Well, it's the slight of hand being pulled by the GOP that has turned the ACA into Obamacare, and turned a positive ruling by the Supreme Court into an "affirmation of more taxation."

We have to be extra vigilant or we can fall prey to their flim-flam, because they will try even more tricks to turn this victory into a defeat. ■

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Nik Ceo sets her own path in Dallas' queer music scene, creating a unique outlet for burgeoning new artists

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The summer heat was on the cusp of exploding on Memorial Day weekend when Nik Ceo's monthly live music event, the Moscato Music Lounge, got under way.

At Otaru Restaurant and Lounge in Addison, the evening sun still blared as a steady stream of people wandered in for a night of nosh and music. Ceo has spent two years building this audience — first by hosting the event in her apartment's community lounge while giving away free glasses of moscato (hence the name). But by the look of the filled tables, the reserved signs and the packed bar on May 27, it was no longer an underground gathering of friends. This had become a Big Deal.

"I had been wanting to do something because I wasn't seeing *us* out there," says Ceo, a 40-year-old Dallas native. "There were no live music showcases except in straight bars. So I created something on my own."

As people talked between performances (sometimes during sets as well), artists like Hunter the One, Shay Jae and Cris Dee (who is Ceo's wife) performed to an eager and receptive crowd. The music was as diverse as the people gathered: everything from neo-soul to hip-hop to urban folk. And the audience was as mixed between gay and straight as the artists.

"I've been blessed to find a plethora of gay-friendly straight artists and venues," Ceo says. "It's that connecting that matters really, but I push Moscato as an LGBT outlet. Sometimes it's a performer's first time. I'm happy to open that door to new musicians regardless of who they are. But it's also important that this has to be a big thing outside of Oak Lawn."

Although not all her acts are queer, Ceo —

who married Dee in Las Vegas in November (the couple will celebrate three years together later this month) — clearly has a passion for working within the gay community.

Depending on the calendar, Ceo cements one Sunday night each month that's all hers. As the head of the indie label Illicit Life Entertainment, Ceo has taken on the responsibility of nurturing and promoting musicians — especially LGBT ones. And she's doing it not in Deep Ellum or the gayborhood, but in a low-key suburb.

It hasn't been easy. Trying to make strides in the gayborhood was frustrating for Ceo. Audiences there weren't prepared for unknown singers performing their own music. Clubs where she tried to book her artists scoffed because they had built-in audiences for their regular DJs and familiar bands.

It was a learning experience, as Ceo realized she needed to prepare audiences. That uncovered a healthy desire among LGBT music fans for original work. Her fan base depends on a Ceo show to showcase independent music — and more importantly, they support it.

"That's the most awesome thing," she says. "I do wish there was more of a music scene overall — I don't feel entirely uplifted by the mainstream community. I think if we had more showcases like Moscato, more people would be open to encouraging local music."

She speaks from experience. From school choirs to a lesbian singing trio in the late '90s, Ceo herself is an accomplished performer. But she didn't crave the limelight; her ambition lay in developing others. During the day, Nikole Harris makes a living as a network engineer, but when the lights go down, Nik Ceo takes over. It's all



SHARP-DRESSED STUD | As the head of Illicit Life Entertainment, Nik Ceo opens doors to LGBT musicians with a recording label and talent development. (Photos courtesy Paul S. Williams)

very Puff Daddy and it's working.

"I was in a group called Purple Threat and we dropped a CD that did pretty well. Afterward, people wanted to hook up with us," she says. "Then I started connecting with people who could sing, rap and play instruments and recruited them to work with and formed the label from there."

Since 2005, Illicit Life has dropped a small catalogue of R&B and hip-hop releases. But she has morphed into a mini music mogul of late, focusing Illicit Life on talent-scouting and leading back to her Moscato events.

Local musician SuZanne Kimbrell also sought to develop local queer music with Twist Dallas, but she's put the show on hiatus to finish her debut album and rack up tour dates on the West Coast. That leaves Ceo as one of the few showcases in town for original music by LGBT artists. Kimbrell is familiar with the hard work involved in such an enterprise, and is glad to see another

outlet.

"I think it's great to hear about another showcase and it needs to be done," she says. "Music is so powerful and the platforms for issues brought through music can be powerful. So if she's bringing out the gays, then rock on!"

Ceo admits she couldn't do it on her own. Where Ceo touts more of the business savvy to Illicit Life, she leaves most of the creative responsibility to Dee.

"She's the idea genius. She somehow comes up with everything I can't think of," Ceo says. "We bounce ideas off each other, but she's so awesome at putting it together and elevating what I envision."

"Coordinating events comes naturally," says Dee. "I take Nik's big picture, give her my ideas and we make it come together successfully."

Artists agree. At the most recent Moscato event, Keisha Hunter brought her own style of



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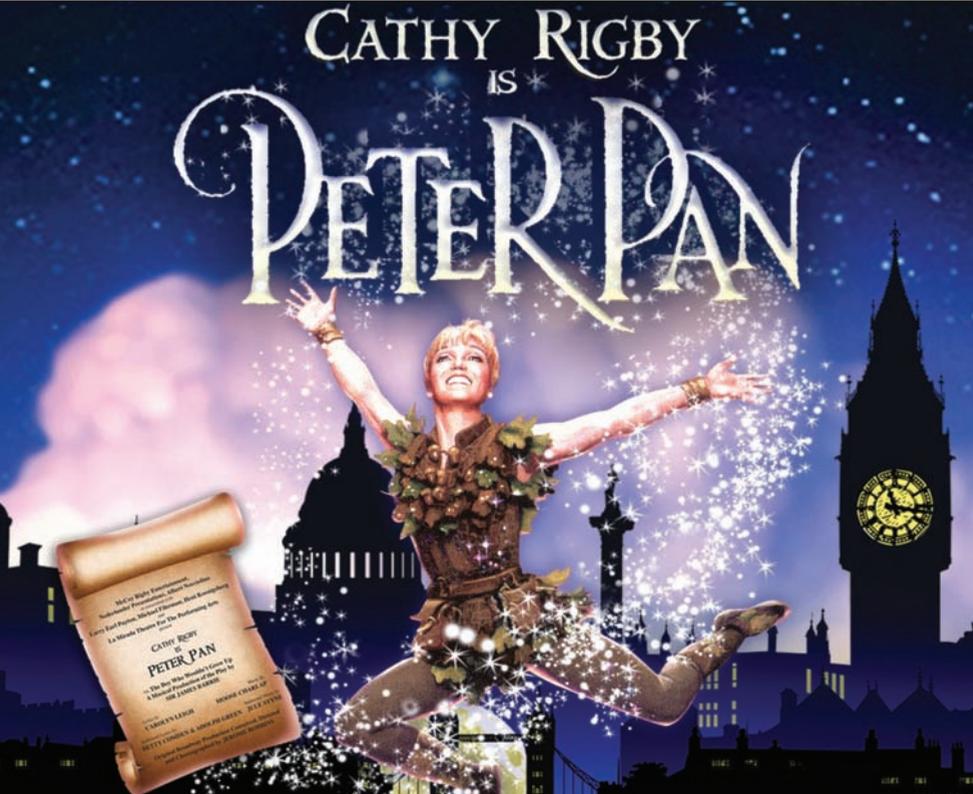
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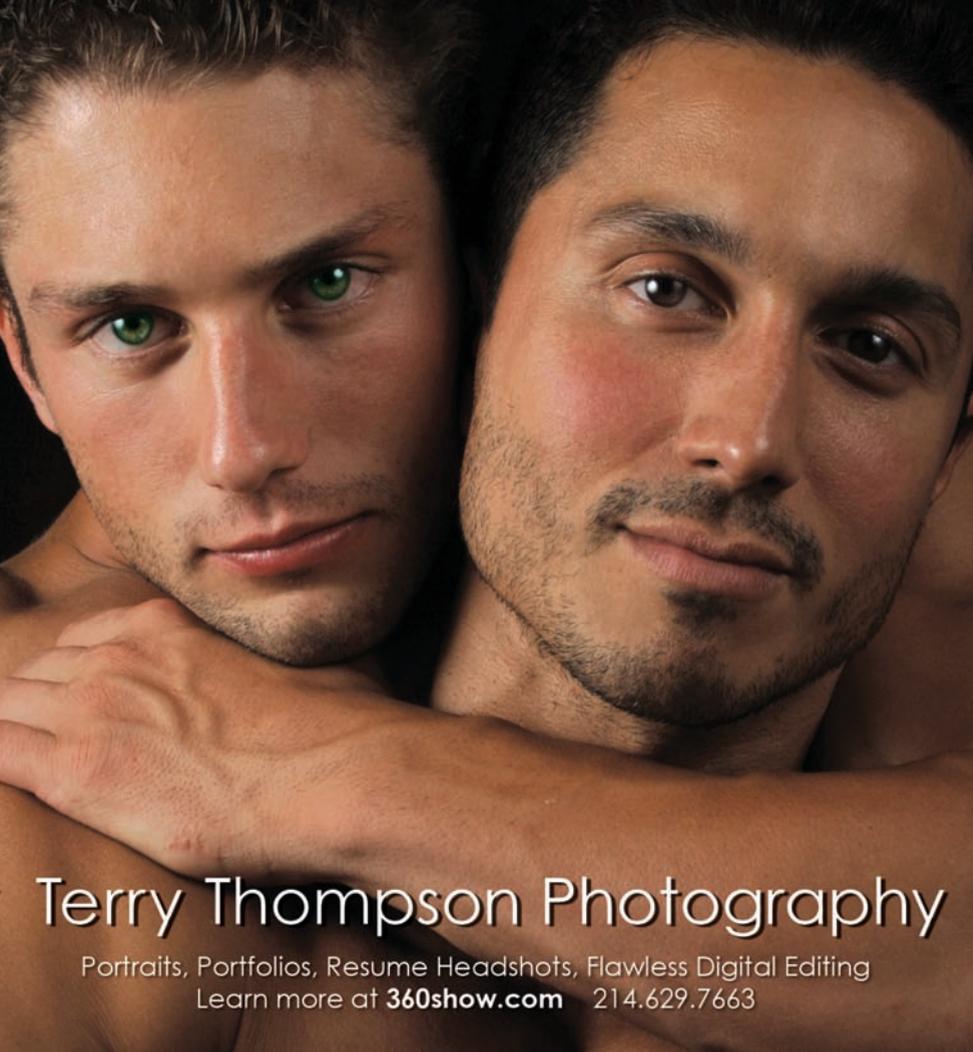
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'Pan'-o-rama

B'way veteran Brent Barrett brings chills to 'Peter Pan' following his campy take on Hannibal Lector

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Without becoming a household name, over the course of an impressive three decades, musical actor Brent Barrett has shared the stage with many of our reigning divas. Starting with Debbie Allen in his Broadway debut, the 1980 revival of *West Side Story*, and through co-stars including Kristin Chenoweth, Faith Prince, Rachel York, Charlotte D'Amboise, Karen Ziemba, Sandy Duncan and Reba McEntire, he's racked up a storied list of leading ladies.

So the natural question is: Who was his favorite?

"I've been so fortunate — it would be easier to tell you the ones I didn't enjoy working with ... which I won't do," Barrett teases.

Ah, well. Worth a shot.

At least one leading lady liked working enough with Barrett to give him his latest role. Twenty years ago, Barrett and Cathy Rigby toured together in *Annie Get Your Gun*. At the time, Rigby asked Barrett to play Capt. Hook opposite her Boy from Neverland in the musical *Peter Pan*. Barrett passed.

"I had been on the road so much, I just needed some time at home," he says. Then a few months ago, Rigby announced she was producing and starring in a new tour *Peter Pan* (which launches Tuesday at Fair Park as part of the Dallas Summer Musicals). She asked him again to play Hook. This time, he said yes.

It was a long time coming to the show, which he wasn't all that familiar with.

"I never saw the stage production [as a kid]," he says. "My introduction to it was watching it on television with Mary Martin in black and white. And I certainly remember my first ride on the Peter Pan ride at Disney-World."

In the 1980s, he finally saw Sandy Duncan do it; about 10 years ago, he saw Rigby's version. But the role is new to him. While *Peter Pan* has been around more than half a century, he thinks a lot of people *haven't* seen it. And this version might surprise those who do.

"There's no sense to playing down to [the kids in the] audience, because kids these days are so smart," he says. "You do the role,



BY HOOK OR BY CROOK | Brent Barrett, center, has remained a busy working actor for three decades, but the new production of 'Peter Pan,' which launches from Fair Park Music Hall this week, marks his return to touring following a 15-year absence from the road.

you play the show — what the children will get, the children will get. But we are *not* going for the camp aspect here — we want kids to be scared of Capt. Hook."

In his 30-plus year career, Barrett has had plenty of opportunities to delight and frighten audiences. For two years, he starred in

the \$40 million Las Vegas production of *Phantom of the Opera*; prior to that, he spent more than two years in *Grand Hotel* (starring as the mysterious Baron both on Broadway and London), played Arthur in *Camelot* ("one of the most satisfying male musical roles," he declares), went toe-to-toe

opposite both Rigby and Reba in *Annie Get Your Gun* and has, at least 10 times, played Billy Flynn in *Chicago*.

"I call Billy my day job — when I'm not doing anything else and they have an opening, [the producers] give me a call to play him," he says. "I think I probably hold the record for playing that role most often."

Still, one of his favorite experiences was one of the smallest: Last summer, he played Hannibal Lector in the off-Broadway production of the musical *Silence!*, a spoof of the horror classic *The Silence of the Lambs* (not the same as the drag version, *The Silence of*

the Clams, which played in the Rose Room earlier this year).

"That version sounds very gay," laughs the out actor. "Ours was not really gay so much as campy and over-the-top. My first big song is called 'If I Could Smell Her Cunt.' But it's right out of *Les Miz* — very serious and intense and not played for laughs. None of the show is, which is why it's so funny. I have to say, it was one of the most fun shows I've ever done."

So how does a B'way veteran like Barrett, who has worked with A-list directors like Hal Prince and Michael Blakemore, wind up in a small off-Broadway house in a musical spoof? The answer may explain why Barrett has worked so much over the years.

"Sometimes you have to balance the financial with the artistic, and I decided this would be fun to do for the summer — most people wouldn't cast me in this role, so I liked the opportunity," he says. "And, it's acting — not brain surgery." ■

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L+S dining

A house is not a Mansion

The recipes in chef Davailon's cookbook lack one thing: His deft execution



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Since taking over the kitchen at The Mansion on Turtle Creek almost three years ago, Bruno Davailon has brought renewed attention to The Mansion That Dean Built — and in a good way. He earned Michelin stars two years running at Alain Ducasse's Mandalay Bay resto in Vegas, and was a finalist earlier this year for a James Beard Award. His latest accomplishment: Bringing a culinary cookbook featuring the Mansion's signature recipe to fruition.

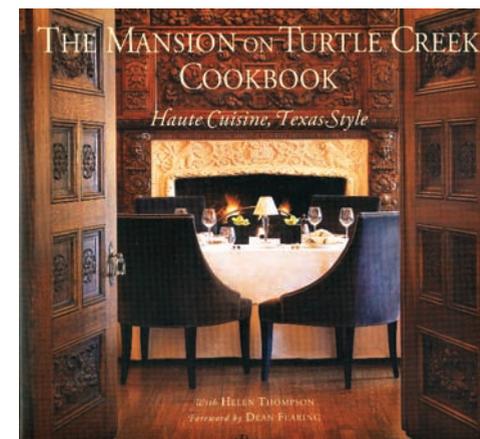
Still, is that enough?

It certainly seems to be. For a Frenchman, he's mastered much of the flavors Texans (and Mansion fans) have come to expect. His red snapper ceviche (page 27 of the cookbook) is spicier than Sofia Vergara at a jalapeno farm, and the cod fritters (page 203) benefit from a cayenne-infused tomatillo salsa.

The watermelon salad (page 69) offers a soothing summer balm given a sophisticated twist. Sweet Texas melon takes a salty tinge from a garnish of thinly crisped bacon and a crumble of feta that crowns deep, magenta cubes. For dessert, he goes full-out Mex-Mex with crunchy churros (page 238), planted in a bed of chili chocolate mousse and dollop of house-made ice cream.

But it's with the entrees where Davailon's European techniques shine through. Not only is the lobster cannelloni (page 37) an inspired concept, it's that rarest of creations: A lush summery meal, as light as it is savory. A small tail cups a single pasta shell, itself filled with bits of lobster and spinach, and just a trace of ricotta to unite them. That, in turn, sits atop a bed of perfectly diced zucchini and summer squash, and doused in a Parmesan emulsion.

Davailon's "flavor of duck" — a trio of duck



HE'S THE MANSION | The recipes of chef Bruno Davailon are featured in 'The Mansion on Turtle Creek Cookbook,' above, but it's the execution of dishes like the lobster cannelloni (page 37) that made the storied resto a culinary landmark.

recipes, including a lobe of foie gras, a confit of thigh and a sliced breast (page 115) — offers a richer dish for more full-bodied summer palates. The foie gras soars: Creamy and sweet, with a dark cherry glaze. The skin on the confit is ideal, as well — crisp without being greasy. (One misstep: A far too salty corn puree with the confit.)

The cookbook also contains cocktails, conceived by the Mansion's mixologists, which you can also try to recreate.

In fact, it might be a good idea to *stick* with the cocktails. Davailon's skills set includes not only inventive ideas about food, but deft execution. That's something amateur cooks probably can't reproduce on Saturday evening. The cookbook is gorgeous, and makes a great coffee-table topper, but should come with a warning: "Don't try this at home." When it comes to preparation, I'll let Davailon do the cooking — like James Bond, nobody does it better. ■

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LADY IN HER LIFE | Nik Geo calls her wife Cris Dee the 'idea genius' behind her showcases.

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soul and hip-hop to the stage. Evoking a bit of Nicki Minaj's oomph with a lot of Janelle Monae's swagger, Hunter, who performs as Hunter the One, worked the spotlight as if it was her headlining night at the House of Blues. For her, Moscato has been a springboard to getting her music to a broader audience.

"I love that it moves to different locations, and when Nik calls I come — simple as that," Hunter says. "My fan base has increased, I've sold merchandise and they had the nerve to throw me a birthday party at the January MML. I've never not had a great time."

With a demanding day job, Ceo juggles a lot to keep Moscato going. Planning the monthly events involves both scouting acts and booking venues (although Moscato is usually in Addison, it's not always at Otaru). She's made some adjustments to keep on track and to keep the label functioning, and many of her expenses are out-of-pocket.

"The money we get from the music events goes back into the label to use for the next event but it is expensive to book," she says. "I'm trying to do stuff for myself and Cris so I decided not to sign anymore artists. Instead, I'm working on development with the ones signed with us already. That's what I love. I think being a talent scout for a major label would be a cool thing to pursue."

In the meantime, Moscato travels to Houston on July 14 as the beginning of her outreach to other cities and artists. She wants to include video production into the mix. Ambition clearly overrides all else.

"I just want a place for queer artists to be able to be themselves," she says. "I want to give them that spot where they don't have to craft songs differently for the sake of the audience or fear being out. I think it's important to have this outlet and take it as far as I can. Doors will open for them. I know it." ■

Gold star

Bandmates realizes its potential with sophomore release 'I'm Gold'

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The local duo Bandmates has always had a quirky charm. Partners in both music and life, Kimberly Castellon and Susan Carson approach music with a relaxed attitude, creating a landscape of hippie sensibilities that feel gloriously nostalgic yet fresh. In their second album *I'm Gold*, their best talents come together for a lush package of tracks that put them on an entirely new level.

The duo's first release, 2006's *The Buddha and the Alien*, hinted at their Woodstock-ish sound, but in *Gold* their potential becomes fully realized. That shows immediately on the opening track, which sets the tone with stellar production values capturing all the nuanced sounds without any mismatched levels. "Cancun" eases you into the album setting the groovy mood and introducing the band's polished sound. Castellon's layered vocals display maturity and smoothness against the trippy guitar that keeps her afloat like a raft on whitewater.

There's a lot of Mamas and Papas channeling here — quite a feat, since Castellon handles the majority of the vocals with Carson along for most of the ride. But the engineered harmonies are exquisite. On the flip side, when she's on her own, Castellon sings with devout conviction taking on the characters of her song from the eclectic, as in "IX 14," to the comforting ("Blue Blue Moon"). The languid "Embrace" plays way sexy with Santana-like guitars gracing the tune as Castellon turns on heightened sensuality. This is great work.

Carson's presence is hardly unnoticed; she's the backbone of Bandmates. Primarily working on bass, she doesn't let it slide away into rhythm track limbo, giving gritty touches necessary on the edgier "Hit It" and filling in a sophisticated groove to "Spyware." She adds unique touches with her upright bass-playing and most notably, her ukulele work.

Bandmates didn't scrimp on tracks with a healthy 14 songs on the disc, but they keep them short and sweet (the album clocks in at just 38 minutes). It's an ambitious package, largely successful, but they do have their missteps. Where much of the album flows with its identity, some tunes derail it.

The title song comes off like a wild mashup, where staccato singing doesn't match the flowing guitars; it's a shame, because the lyrics are compelling. What could have been anthemic



HIPPIE CHICKS | Partners in life and music, Carson and Castellon make beautiful music together on their sophomore album.

plays as epileptic.

The penultimate track, "Delightful," drones on — not a good vibe at the end of an album. Despite strong musical touches, the chorus runs weak and overall, the elements didn't gel. Those along with a couple of other weaker tracks seemed more focused on elements singularly than the portrait of the entire song.

As songwriters, Castellon and Carson offer quality lyrics. For *Gold*, they paint pictures of tropical nights and island moons without resorting to Beach Boys rip-offs. Their folk foundation is secure while they add subtle elements like the uke and classical guitar adeptly contributed by former Jane Doe member Gloria Cortez (Carson is also a Jane Doe alum).

Major props go to Cortez's work. She's mastered the art of making an electric guitar seem to whisper, like in "I Want You Real." Her strings hover like ghosts that you feel instead of hear.

Along with Cortez, a roster of guest musicians helped make *Gold* into a complete package. Brandon Lavy's percussion on "Sanctuary" comes off as simple, but it offers a strong sense of weight to rely on. Roxanne Layton's recorder work is stellar on "Caught in a Dream" proving it doesn't have to sound like that treacherous elementary school instrument everyone's forced to learn. Jerri Parkhurts and April Samuels also contribute impressive drum and percussion work throughout.

This is part of the magic of Bandmates and perhaps even the genesis of their name. They are a duo that creates a family of musicians which shows in the album's cohesion. *I'm Gold* is a major step forward for Bandmates. They've learned their strengths but challenge themselves to be better. And it shows. ■



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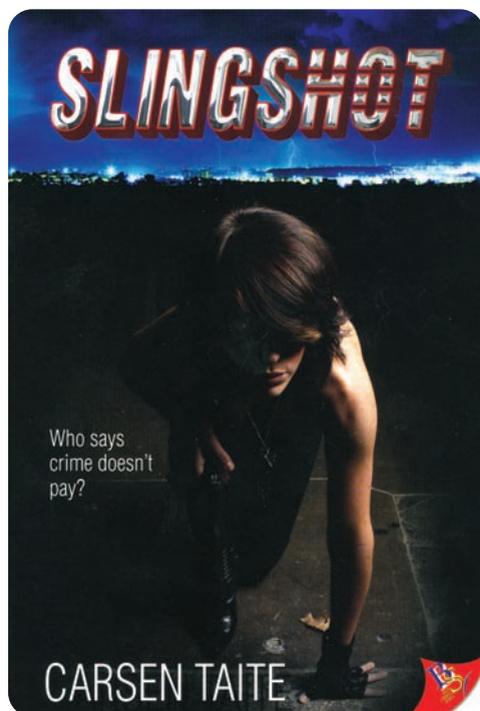
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Youth First Texas groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. Fridays–Saturdays and Tuesdays–Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m. YouthFirstTexas.org.

ART

Mark Mullino art exhibit. The local musician and actor displays his art based on themes in music. Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St., Garland. Through July 30.

Suddenly This Summer exhibit of gallery artists. Vibrant, dramatic works by Ruben Nieto, Charlotte Smith and Isabelle du Toit will be on display. Cris Worley Fine Arts, 2277 Monitor St. Through July 28. CrisWorley.com.

THEATER

Avenue Q. The queer-loving puppet play takes the underground space of Theatre 3 in this local production. Theatre Too, 2900 Routh St. Through July 29. Theatre3Dallas.com.

Coriolanus and Twelfth Night. Shakespeare Dallas presents the two plays in repertory. *Coriolanus* opens and runs Wednesdays–Fridays through July 19. *Twelfth Night* runs Tuesdays, Saturdays–Sundays through July 21. Samuell-Grand Park Amphitheater, 1500 Tenison Parkway. \$10. ShakespeareDallas.org.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The Dallas Theater Center puts on a new production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. Wyly Theater, 2400 Flora St. Through Aug. 12. \$15–\$90. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

SATURDAY 07.07

COMMUNITY

Dallas FrontRunners fun run. Runners and walkers at all levels welcome. Meet under the statue at Lee Park at 8 a.m. Find the group on Facebook. FronrunnersDallas.org.

SPCA of Texas Pet Grief Counseling monthly program helps those who have lost an animal cope with their loss. Jan Rees-Jones Animal Care Center at 2400 Lone Star Drive. 1 p.m. 214-651-9611.

Dallas Gay Roleplayers Club. Gamers meet to play and discuss role-playing games. Half Price Books, 5803 E. Northwest Highway. 3–6 p.m. 214-360-0833 ext. 222. HalfPriceBooks.com.

Cathedral Couples potluck dinner and social. For location, call 972-252-7124.

ART

The Ripple Effect water-themed art show features works by local artists including Erica Felicella, Jenice Johnson, Clint Scism and more. Kettle Art, 2714 Elm St. 7 p.m. KettleArt.com.

BROADCAST

Cathedral of Hope worship service. Ch. 8 at 12:35 a.m. (Friday after midnight).

SUNDAY 07.08

COMMUNITY

Mr. Illusion Continental. The event features performances by Simba Hall and Philip Alexander. Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m. IllusionContinental.com.

Unemployment Support Group meets.

Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 2:30 p.m. CareerAssistanceMinistry@gmail.com.

DFW Prime Timers play Uno at member's residence. 2 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

MONDAY 07.09

COMMUNITY

DFW Prime Timers play bridge weekly at member's residence. 1 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

United Black Ellument's Hot Topics. A weekly discussion group for black gay and bi men, 18-29. U-BE in Deep Ellum, 3116 Commerce St., Ste. C. 7 p.m. UBEDallas.org.

Mindful Monday Meditation hosted by Fit for Faith. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. CathedralOfHope.com.

TUESDAY 07.10

COMMUNITY

DFW Prime Timers Prime Diner at Mercado Juarez, 1901 W. Northwest Highway. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details or to RSVP.

Late Bloomers, social support group for women who came out later in life. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemon Ave. 6 p.m. 903-778-4446.

Q's Day Potluck. Casual LGBT gathering. The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-446-3395.

WEDNESDAY 07.11

COMMUNITY

FUSE Activity Nights. The "official FUSE hangout night." 7 p.m. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. DFWFuse.com.

Cathedral Business Network second Wednesday meeting. Location to be determined. 11:30 a.m. Contact Anita Haddy at Cathedral of Hope for more information. 214-351-1901. CathedralOfHope.com.

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

THURSDAY 07.12

COMMUNITY

Red, White & You soiree by Get Equal TX. Rebecca Low Gallery, 7608 Camp Bowie West, Fort Worth. 6:30 p.m. \$50. EqualityTexas.org.

DFW Prime Timers play bridge every week. 1 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

Dallas Gay and Lesbian Bar Association monthly luncheon meeting. Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Ave. Noon. 214-540-4460.

The Group. Support group for black men who are HIV-positive. Every second and fourth Thursday. Call 214-455-7316 for more information.

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By Jack Fertig



Kelly McGillis turns 55 on Monday. The actress made herself into a household name with big films that included *Top Gun*, *The Accused* and *Witness* in the '80s. In 2009, she came out publicly as lesbian in an interview with the site SheWired. Interestingly, she did a guest star stint on Showtime's *The L Word* as the closeted Colonel Gillian Davis in 2008.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Spiritual values and material goals leave you questioning how you keep body and soul together. Making revolutionary changes requires personal choices while working within the system.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Your discomfort with the world is your problem. Don't take it out on others. Fearlessly honest friends confront you with disturbing truths. Listening won't come easily, but you can handle it.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Keeping confidences is important to your ambitions. Letting on that you know a secret is the first step to giving it up. Enjoying attention among your friends can cost you at home.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Mars cranks up your energy, but don't be a crank. Changes at home are necessary, listen to your partner and family. They have something to say that you need to hear.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Stay quiet and avoid argument. That makes you more effective in the long run. You will regret speaking up. Be observant and shrewd working behind the scenes.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Asserting your sexual desires is good for you, but stressful on your relationship. Real love requires compromises. A serious discussion can reach a satisfactory conclusion.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Too much confidence at work gets you in trouble. Rallying your people to support you. Respect and support them. One way or another they'll pay you back.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

New ideas will soon challenge your deepest values and commitments. The world needs to evolve and change, and you must do so first if you really want to lead the way.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Worry less about what you need from others and think about what you can offer others of yourself. Even then think ahead and consider your own limits.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

As your confidence picks up, take time to meditate, exercise, to share your plans and ambitions. You need sensible counsel to keep you on the track to success, and off the road to disaster.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Your sense of community values put you into a very small minority. Your basic values are good, but what you've built on top of them needs total re-hashing.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

With your ruler Mercury turning retrograde you charm your way into regrettable situations. Heed your friends' advice. Sorry. That wild new passion in your life is just a passing fancy.

THIS WEEK

Mercury in Leo sextile to Venus in Gemini means well offering bold promises, but he's turning retrograde, so don't count on delivery. Passionate flirtations are just that; no more.

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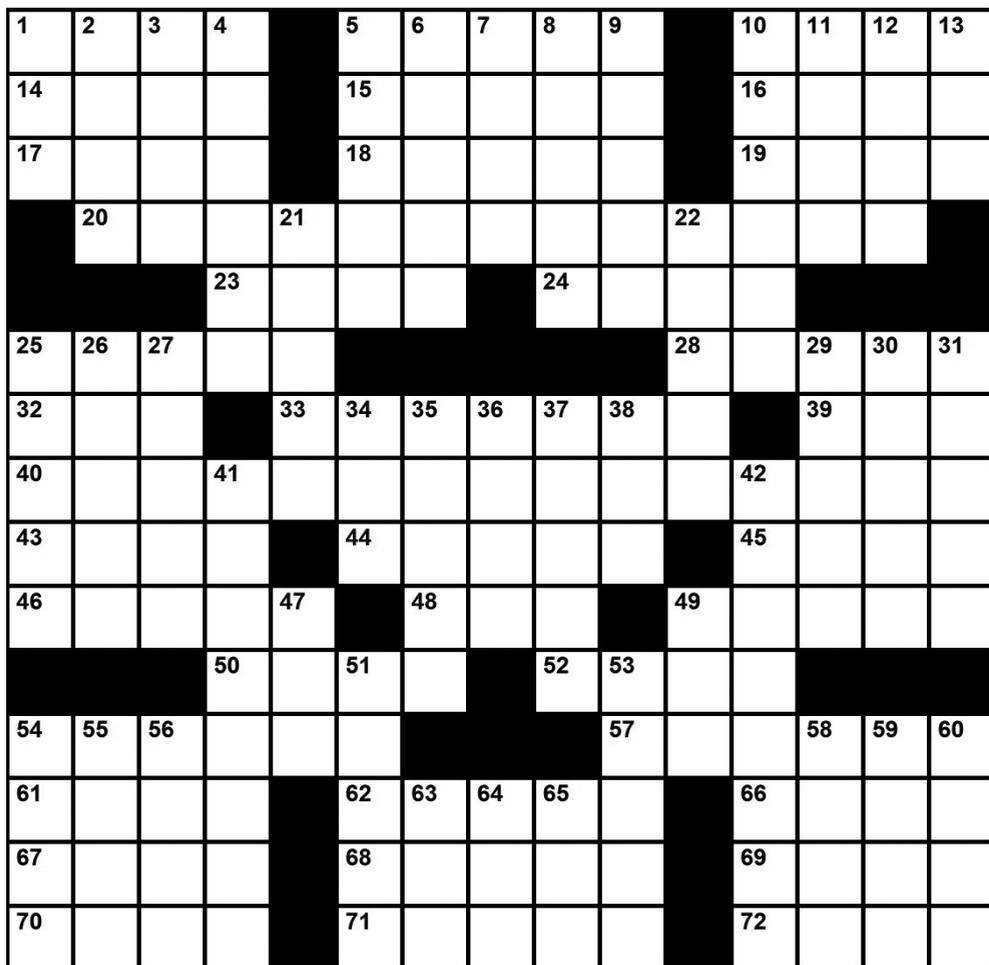
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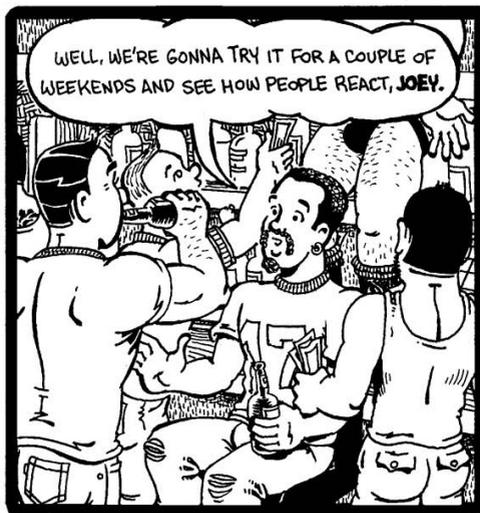
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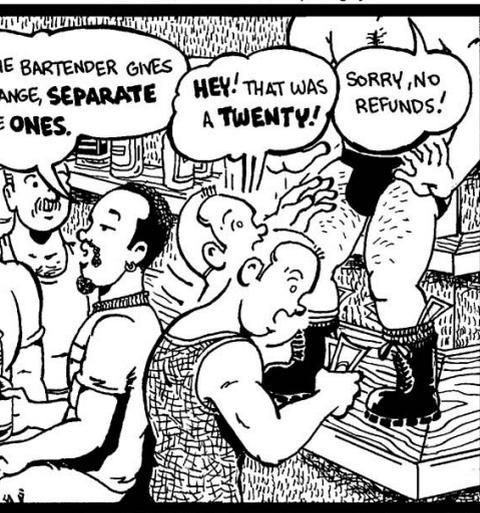
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 - 61 Set down
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 - 68 Brief opening?
 - 69 Tops cakes
 - 70 Take off your clothes
 - 71 Equal rights org.
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- 1 U-turn from SSW
 - 2 Scout's promise to be "morally straight"
 - 3 First name in lesbian fiction
 - 4 Tips off
 - 5 Asks for it on one's knees
 - 6 Woolf said a woman should have one of these of her own
 - 7 Fairy-tale monster
 - 8 Rosie's role in The Flintstones
 - 9 Use a rubber
 - 10 "Wear a condom on your ___" (Elton John)
 - 11 Word with Mary
 - 12 TV honor
 - 13 New York Knicks org.
 - 21 Jamaican cultist
 - 22 Opportunity for Glenn Burke
 - 25 Edgar Box to Gore Vidal
 - 26 Gay civil rights backer Abzug
 - 27 Kennel cries
 - 29 Green with a mostly unfabulous social life
 - 30 1920 Colette novel
 - 31 Novelist Hermann
 - 34 Gardner of Show Boat
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 - 36 "___ only trying to help"
 - 37 Lost intentionally
 - 38 Radio hobbyist
 - 41 Setting for Dr. Callie Torres
 - 42 Gypsy lyrics writer
 - 47 Long, to a Samurai?
 - 49 Klee contemporary
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 - 53 Man of morals
 - 54 It requires several G-strings
 - 55 Soothing agent
 - 56 Tool with jaws
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 - 59 Shaft output
 - 60 Kristy McNichol sitcom Empty ___
 - 63 Cell stuff, for short
 - 64 "Let's call ___ day"
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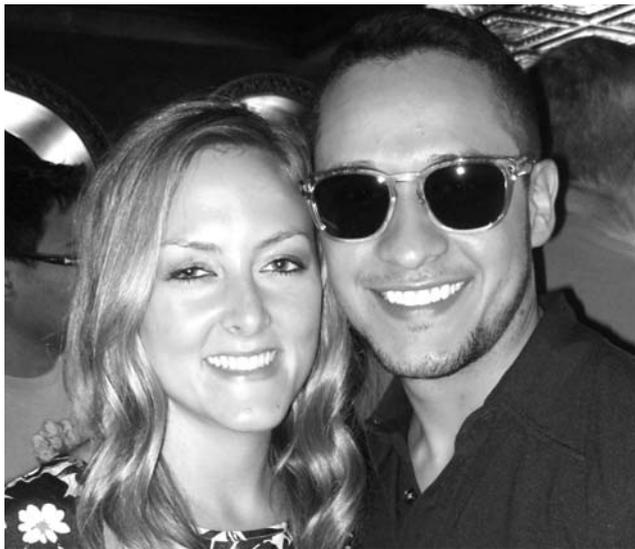
Russ and John at the Round-Up Saloon.



Carson and Danny at Alexandre's.

Start your weekend off with **Lord Byron's Panoptikon** dance party at **3025 Main St.** We hear that they also have some major snow cones. Yes, please. ... Actual men in men's clothing (and less) compete for **Mr. Illusion Continental** at the **Round-Up Saloon**. The pageant includes swimsuit, talent and evening, but for guys. Special appearances by **Tajma Hall**, **Dana Douglas**, **Philip Alexander** and **Simba Hall** will bring extra flair to the evening. Every Monday it's the **Mark Alan Smith Show** and this week's episode is the **Birth-day Celebration Show**. ... Get whipped into shape at the **Discipline Corps Club Night** on Friday at the **Dallas Eagle**. Then the **Dallas Bears** and the **Leather Knights** team up for Saturday's **Get Your Balls Out** party, their joint **First Friday Club Night**. Don't worry. It's just a beach wear theme. **Voice of Pride** holds a preliminary Tuesday night. ... Friday night is a doubleheader in **Sue Ellen's Vixen Lounge**. **Responsible Johnny** starts off the night with live music which is then followed by **Whiskey Tongue Burlesque**. **Rachel Stacy** performs Saturday night. Think you got a voice? Try it out at **Little Chalupa Karaoke** every Thursday. ... **DJ Redeye** spins out the music at the **It'll Do Club** every Saturday. But catch him first at the **Beauty Bar** on Friday nights. ... Hang out with the boys and men at **Club Dallas** this weekend for **Pop-com and A Movie Night**. The poolside event goes down Friday and Saturday night. Isn't that what summer is all about? ... **Station 4** brings back the '80s with **Backtrack Thursdays**. ... Holla! ■

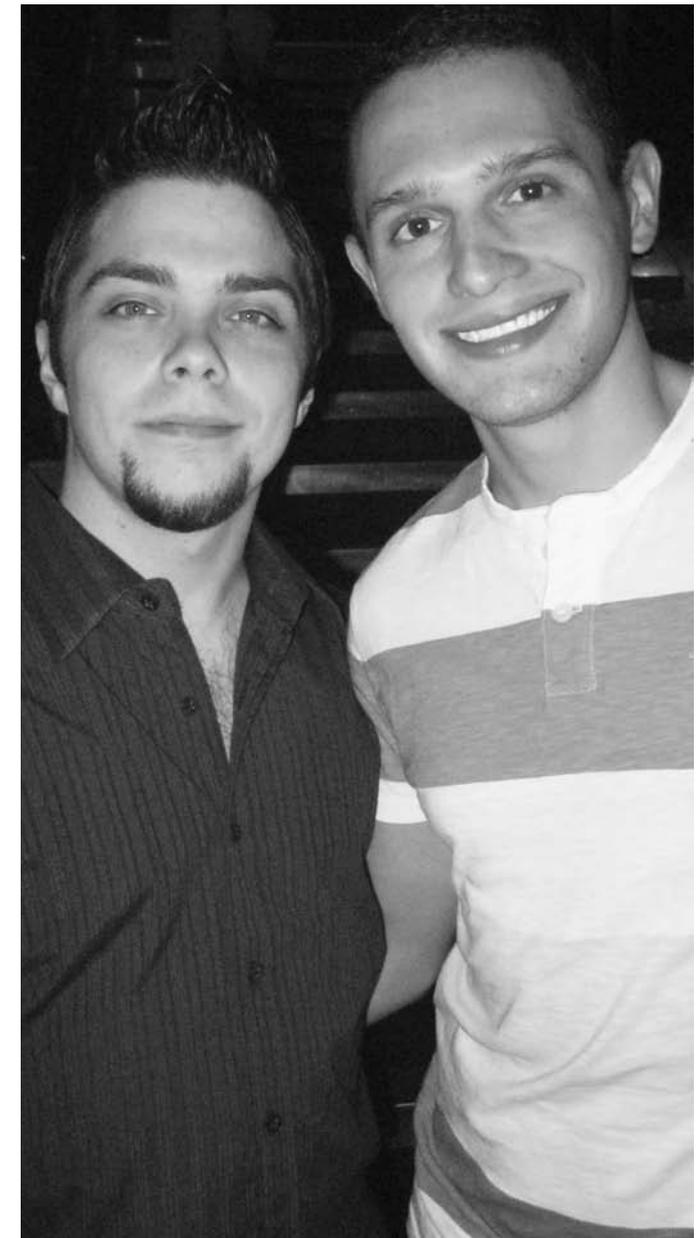
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